



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2623
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR DATA COMPRESSION

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

9. (Twice Amended) A data compression method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a third coding method is any one of Huffman coding, arithmetic coding, and PCM coding.

26. (Amended) The data compression apparatus of claim 25, wherein said classification

information data comprises 3-valued data.

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